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1. AT LEGAL COMMITTEE MEETING OCT 2, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT CONSULTATIONS AFTER AFTERNOON MEETING WOULD CONSIDER CREATION OF DRAFTING GROUP, WHICH SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, BE LIMITED TO 15, AND OTHER PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH ITEM ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. ALL INTERESTED DELS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, ESPECIALLY CHAIRMEN OF REGIONAL GROUPS.

2. AT WEO GROUP MEETING OCT 2, GROUP DECIDED TO PROPOSE TO CHAIRMAN THAT LEGAL COMMITTEE ADOPT SAME PROCEDURE USED FOR SPECIAL MISSIONS CONVENTION AND DESCRIBED IN SECRETARIAT DOC. (A/C.6/L.898). GROUP ALSO DECIDED STRONGLY TO FAVOR 15-MEMBER DRAFTING COMMITTEE. IN THIS EVENT, WEO GROUP ANTICIPATED MEMBERSHIP PARALLELING SC COMPOSITION, WHICH MOST FAVORABLE POSSIBLE FOR WEST. IN EVENT OF 15 MEMBER DRAFTING COMMITTEE, WEO GROUP AGREED THAT MEMBERSHIP FROM GROUP SHOULD BE, IN ADDITION TO US, UK AND FRANCE, FRG ANS SWEDEN. IF COMMITTEE OF 20, WEO GROUP WOULD PROPOSE ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP OF BELGIUM. IF DRAFTING
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COMMITTEE OF 25, WEST WOULD SEEK YET ADDITIONAL MEMBEFSHIP

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OF GREECE, BASING ARGUMENT ON COMPOSITION CONTAINED IN ANNEX
TO UNGA RES 1990 (XVIII). WEO GROUP AGREED THT INSISTANCE
ON 15 SHOULD BE GIVEN UP ONLY VERY GRUDGINGLY, AND WE SHOULD
ONLY AGREE TO INCREASES IN SIZE STEP BY STEP, IF ABSOLUTELY
NECESSARY. HOWEVER, ONCE DRAFTING COMMITTEE OVER 25,
WEO GROUP DECIDED THERE VERY LITTLE POINT IN ARGUING AGAINST
OPEN-ENDED DRAFTING COMMITTEE, IF IT PROPOSED, AS SUCH
COMMITTEE WOULD RESULT IN MUCH THE SAME NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

3. AT CHAIRMAN'S MEETING AT END OF DAY, GONZALEZ-GAVLEZ REPORTED
THAT LATIN GROUP ENDORSED DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF 15. EE GROUP
ALSO FAVORED 15. ASIAN GROUP REPORTEDLY WILLING TO ACCEPT 15.
AFRICAN GROUP NOT YET ON BOARD, PREFERS LARGER GROUP, BUT
ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER WAY. CHAIRMAN SAID THAT AT
PRESENT HE PLANS 15 MEMBER GROUP. WEO GROUP NOMINATED FRG
AND SWEDEN (IN ADDITION TO US, UK AND FRANCE). EE GROUP
NOMINATED USSR AND BULGARIA. LATIN GROUP NOMINATED COLUMBIA
AND MEXICO. ASIAN GROUP WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE ONE MIDDLE EAST
AND ONE SOUTH EAST ASIAN (PLUS PRC, IF IT WILLING TO PARTICIPATE),
BUT DID NOT MAKE NOMINATION OF COUNTRIES. NO WORD YET ON POSSIBLE
PARTICIPATION FROM AFRICAN GROUP.

4. REGARDING CHAIRMANSHIP OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE, GONZALEZ-
GALVEZ SAID HE DEFINITELY OUT OF RUNNING. HE HOWEVER PUT
FORWARD SAHOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA), WHO WAS PRESENT AND SAID HE
WILLING TO SERVE IF HIS CANDIDATURE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF GROUP
UNCONTESTED. SAHOVIC CHAIRMANSHIP PROPOSED ON BASIS THAT HE BE
CHAIRMAN FROM OUTSIDE GROUP AND NOT COUNT IN THE 15.

5. GONZALEZ-GALVEZ SAID THERE NO QUESTION OF HAVING GENERAL
DEBATE ON ITEM. RATHER, HE SAID 6TH COMITE SHOULD GO TO
ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE DISCUSSION. HE CLARIFIED THAT DRAFTING
COMMITTEE IN HIS VIEW WOULD MEET IN PARRALLEL WITH 6TH COMITE
BUT NOT SIMULTANEOUSLY BECAUSE MEMBERS OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE
HAD TO HEAR WHAT WENT ON IN 6TH COMITE IN ORDER TO DO THEIR
WORK.

6. CURRENT ESTIMATE IS THE 6TH COMITE WILL REACH PROTECTION
OF DIPLOMATS ITEM OCT 4.
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